Papers regarding the expunging of the Council Proceedings.

Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—May I ask whether the Legislative Council and the Government are separate ?

President.—We keep it separate for all practical purposes although there is one and the same person as head of both.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Two papers which were excluded from the Legislative Council seem to have appeared in the papers. That attitude of the Government is not correct. The Legislative Council is a part of the Government.

President.—For all formal purposes we keep the Legislative Council as separate. If you ask the Legislative Council or the President of the Legislative Council who is also the head of the Government, it is all the same. Now the thing is very clear.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—The two papers appeared in the columns of a newspaper, and so it was asked here. Both the papers were published in the "*Hindu*" practically.

President.—All the members might not have seen the publication in that paper. The two papers submitted will be considered as matters of public importance after lunch. And so I propose an adjournment as there is no time to consider the two papers now.

The nomination of the Chairman of the Cochin Tenancy Regulation Amendment Bill. Select Committee.

Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—I want some information; whether there is a report from the Chairman of the Select Committee appointed to consider the Amendment to the Regulation that a vacancy has arisen in it.

President.—I shall state all the facts at present, and I hope your doubts will be cleared soon.

I have tabled this item, viz., the nomination by the President of the Chairman of the Cochin Tenancy Regulation Amendment Bill of the Select Committee as an item in the business statement of to-day not without knowledge on my part that I have the power to nominate a Chairman of the Select Committee without reference to the Legislative Council. My special object in tabling this item is to remove certain erroneous impressions which have caused needless perturbation in the minds of the Members of this House and of a major portion of the tenancy population. I therefore take this opportunity to make a statement of facts which I hope will remove all those erroneous impressions. The one basic fact to be clearly remembered in connection with this Amendment Bill is that the Government keep an open mind in regard to the amendments brought

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